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Tide of Betrayal Helps West

The breach in the Iron Curtain suggested by the Oleg Penkovsky spy case denotes a new day in which the Kremlin leaders can no longer look with complacency upon the tactical advantage of their closed society.

This complacency has been dented before by the U-2 plane and the defections of less well-connected officials than Col. Penkovsky. But this case has brought home the fact that the tide of ideological betrayal which once worked for the Communists has now turned to the advantage of the West.

During the war and in the immediate postwar period, the Soviet Union benefitted heavily from the willingness of informants like Alger Hiss, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, Judith Coplon and William Remington to betray their country for what they regarded as an idealistic cause.

[redacted] Some of this motivation stemmed from a sympathy for the Soviet Union's successes and conquests in the struggle against the Nazis. Some of it was a residual revolt against the capitalist system from the depression. But the balance of ideology has shifted in recent years to a point when political motivations for betrayal have begun to work against the Communists. Some of the zeal has gone off the revolutionary zeal which was symptomed for many by the disclosures of Stalin's crimes.

Three recent cases demonstrate the range of treason in which an official turns against his country. In the case of William J. C. Vassall, which has caused a scandal in England, the service discovered in [redacted] months what the British Admiralty did not learn until it was too late—that the well-dressed and well-mannered clerk assigned to the Moscow embassy was a homosexual who could be [redacted] and blackmailed.

Betrayal With Conviction

In the case of [redacted] Nelson Drummond [redacted] for transmitting [redacted] to the Soviet Union [redacted] Washington [redacted] purchased from the Hill and Navy [redacted] two photocopiers in Newport, R. I., and assumed an aspect of affluence [redacted] lasted until the FBI closed in last September.

But neither money nor blackmail can inspire the quality of espionage provided by a man like Col. Penkovsky who turns against his government because he does not approve of [redacted] He [redacted] has worked hard to betray [redacted] his [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] Col. Pen[redacted] [redacted] espionage [redacted] morale [redacted] of the [redacted] have developed and still [redacted] known to [redacted] the end of [redacted] having had [redacted] powerful [redacted] But [redacted] like Pavel Monat, a [redacted] officer trained to [redacted] his country, have [redacted] their disillusionment [redacted]

Disillusionment

Mr. Monat [redacted] of several [redacted] Red Chinese in New [redacted] and plans to cooperate [redacted] with the FBI [redacted] United States. But [redacted] mission soon after his [redacted] to Poland in 1955 [redacted] and the contrast in attitude [redacted] between Warsaw [redacted] and Warsaw. Restricted [redacted] country's dependence [redacted] Russia, and was disgusted [redacted] obsequious papers [redacted]

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[redacted] real history of [redacted] war is written. The [redacted] the scope and energy [redacted] espionage effort by [redacted] will be fascinating. [redacted] will seem hard to [redacted] that only a generation [redacted] a United States [redacted] of War, Henry [redacted] closed down the [redacted] numbers of espionage [redacted] on the premise that [redacted] gentlemen do not read each [redacted] mail." It will only [redacted] be established that a [redacted] numerous corps of able and [redacted] people were willing to [redacted] their careers without [redacted] of public honors or [redacted] promotion, to a penetration [redacted] against secrecy.

[redacted] publication of the Penkovsky case that they are [redacted] some success [redacted] is no [redacted] for complacency on this [redacted] The FBI does [redacted] bulge with [redacted] of persistent efforts [redacted] by [redacted] to secure [redacted] and they con[redacted] The some[redacted] 10,000 [redacted] Communists, al[redacted] to surveil[redacted] [redacted] espionage [redacted] remain a [redacted] city makes [redacted] Monat wrote, [redacted] to carry [redacted]

[redacted] enjoy [redacted] that [redacted] the disclosures in this [redacted] the postwar [redacted] betrayals. [redacted] wrote a Moscow [redacted] editor last week, [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]